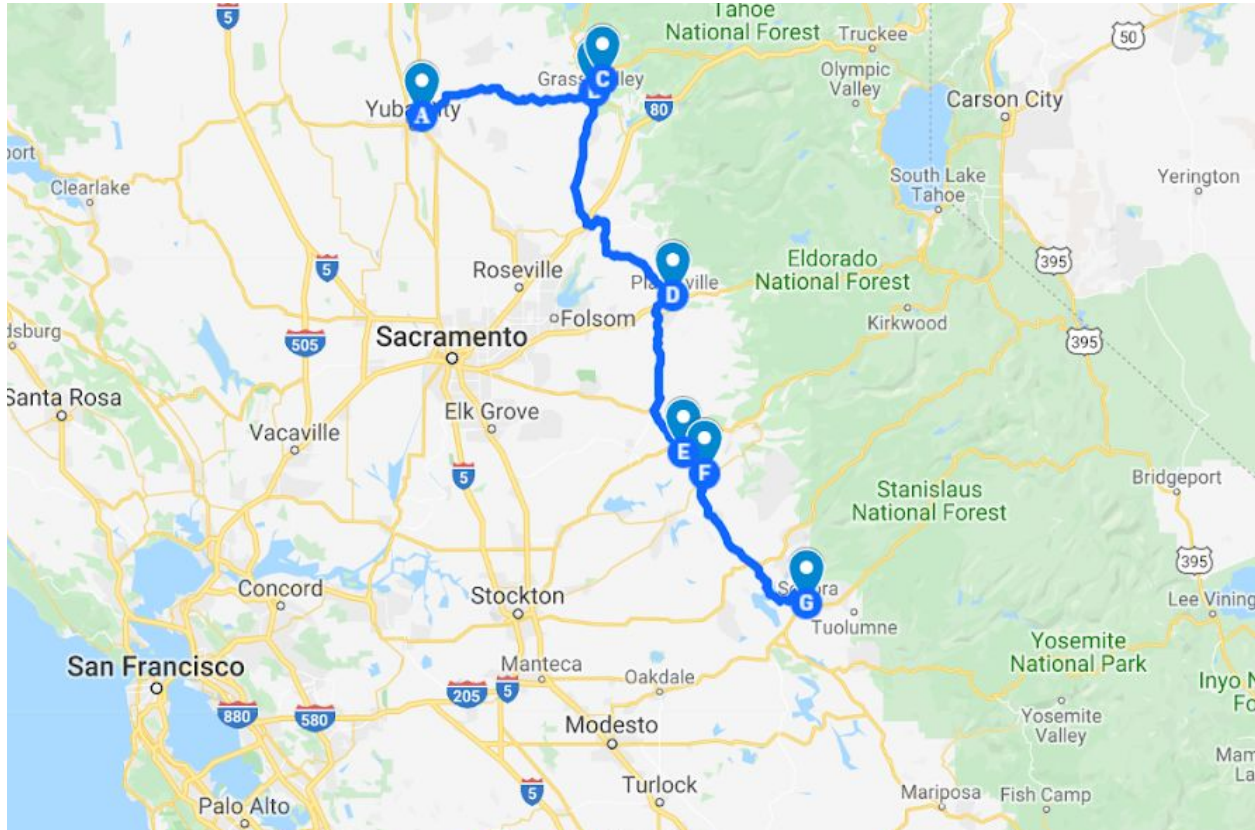


Pioneer Jewish Cemeteries Driving Tour



Begin at **5 B St, Marysville, CA 95901**. This is the **Marysville Hebrew Cemetery**.

The Marysville Hebrew Benevolent Society may have existed as early as 1852 and its bylaws stated, "The funds of the society shall be appropriated as follows: Relief to the poor, needy, sick, and the burial of the dead of the Hebrew persuasion in Marysville and vicinity." In 1853 the first religious services were held and on August 28, 1855 land was purchased for the cemetery. Congregation B'nai Brith was organized November 8, 1857.

The site is within the Marysville City Cemetery. The gate is locked and an appointment must be made with the cemetery director for entrance.

Head **south** on **CA-70 S/B St** toward E 24th St
1 mi

Turn **left** onto **12th St** (signs for Grass Valley)
1 mi

Continue onto **State Hwy 20 E/Levee Rd**

Continue to follow **State Hwy 20 E**
31 mi

Turn **left** onto the **State Route 20 E/State Route 49 N** ramp to Nevada City
1,000 ft

Continue onto **CA-49 N/State Hwy 20 E**
1 mi

Take exit **182B** for **Idaho Maryland Rd**
1,000 ft

Turn **left** onto **Idaho Maryland Rd**
1,000 ft

At the traffic circle, continue **straight** onto **E Main St**
400 ft

Turn **right** onto **Eureka St**
200 ft

119 Eureka St, Grass Valley, CA 95945

This is the Grass Valley Hebrew Cemetery, **Shaar Zedek**. The Hebrew Benevolent of Society of Grass Valley was organized September 8, 1856 for the purpose of "taking charge of the cemetery, taking care of the sick, and burying the dead." A congregation was formed for the High Holidays that year, acquiring a Sefer Torah and shofar. Less than one acre remains of the original five acre plot which included a mortuary building. The gate is locked; please contact the Commission to gain entrance.

Head **southeast** on **Eureka St** toward 1st St
200 ft

Turn **left** onto **E Main St**
300 ft

At the traffic circle, continue **straight** onto **Idaho Maryland Rd**
1,000 ft

Turn **right** to merge onto **CA-20 E/CA-49 N/State Hwy 20 E** toward Nevada City
2 mi

Take **exit 185A** for **Gold Flat Rd** toward 185A/Ridge Rd
1,000 ft

Turn **left** onto **Gold Flat Rd**
400 ft

Turn **right** onto **Searls Ave**
0.4 mi

111 Walrath Ave, Nevada City, CA 95959

This is the **Nevada City pioneer Jewish cemetery**. The Nevada Hebrew Society was organized in 1855 "to hold religious services, maintain a burying ground for members and others, and assist the needy with pecuniary aid." In 1857 the society numbered twenty members.

The site is bounded by Searls Avenue near Walrath Avenue and King Hiram Lane. The gate is locked; please contact the Commission for entrance.

Head **south** on **Searls Ave** toward Argall Way
0.4 mi

Turn **left** onto **Gold Flat Rd**
100 ft

Turn **right** to merge onto **CA-20 W/CA-49 S/State Hwy 20 W**

Continue to follow **CA-49 S**

Turn **left** onto **Elm Ave**
0.5 mi

Turn **left** onto **CA-49 S/El Dorado St/High St**
300 ft

Turn **right** onto **CA-49 S/El Dorado St**

Continue to follow **CA-49 S**
25 mi

Turn **right** onto **Bee St**

Destination will be on the left
400 ft

650 Bee St, Placerville, CA 95667

This is the **Placerville pioneer Jewish cemetery**. The Placerville Hebrew Benevolent Society was organized in 1854. Another Jewish cemetery was established during the same period in Diamond Springs, but the site has not been found. In 1858 The Mountain Democrat reported the organization of a congregation. Property was acquired for a synagogue in 1861 on Cottage and El Dorado streets, but in 1878 a windstorm destroyed the building. A second synagogue edifice erected was abandoned in 1903.

The cemetery is surrounded by a fence and a locked gate. Please arrange with the Commission to visit this cemetery.

Head **east** on **Bee St** toward Coloma St
400 ft

Turn **right** onto **Coloma St**
700 ft

Turn **right** onto **Spring St**
800 ft

Turn **right** onto **US-50 W/El Dorado Fwy**
3 mi

Take **exit 43** for **El Dorado Rd**
1,000 ft

Turn **left** onto **El Dorado Rd**
2 mi

Turn **left** onto **Pleasant Valley Rd**
0.4 mi

Turn **right** onto **CA-49 S**
15 mi

At the traffic circle, take the **second exit** and stay on **CA-49 S**

2 mi

Turn **left** to stay on **CA-49 S**

8 mi

Turn **left** onto **CA-49 S/CA-88 E**

2 mi

Turn **left** toward **N Main St**

100 ft

Turn **left** onto **N Main St**

300 ft

Turn **right** onto **North St**

500 ft

Turn **right** onto **Church St**

100 ft

225 Church St, Jackson, CA 95642

This is **Givoth Olam**, the Jackson pioneer Jewish cemetery. Congregation B'nai Israel was organized in Jackson for the High Holidays of 1856, and the next year erected the first synagogue in the mining districts. In July 1857, the Amador Ledger reported, "The Israelites of Jackson have commenced the construction of what will be, when finished, one of the largest and finest churches in the mountains." The synagogue was dedicated in September of 1857 but used only for High Holiday services each year. After 1868 the building was used for secular purposes and it was demolished in 1876. Historical Landmark No. 865 commemorates its location in front of the present-day Jackson Grammar School.

The site is surrounded by cypress trees and a wrought iron fence.

Head **north** on **Church St** toward North St
100 ft

Turn **left** onto **North St**
500 ft

Turn **left** onto **N Main St**
300 ft

Turn **right** toward **CA-49 S/CA-88 E**
100 ft

Turn **left** at the **first cross street** onto **CA-49 S/CA-88 E**

Continue to follow **CA-49 S**
7 mi

Turn **left** onto **Main St**
400 ft

8242 Main St, Mokelumne Hill, CA 95245

This is the Mokelumne Hill pioneer Jewish cemetery. A Hebrew Benevolent Society and Ladies Hebrew Benevolent Society existed in Mokelumne Hill. High Holiday services were held in the town probably in rented halls or homes.

The cemetery is entered through the Protestant cemetery. It is located about 60 feet down a dirt path from the main road.

Head **southwest** on **Main St** toward Church St
400 ft

Turn **left** onto **CA-49 S**
36.0 mi

Turn **right** onto **Yaney Ave**
1,000 ft

38 Oak St, Sonora, CA 95370

This is the **Sonora Hebrew Cemetery**. Sonora had a Hebrew Benevolent Society possibly as early as 1851 when the Hebrew Congregation of Sonora was established, and in 1853 land was acquired for a burial ground. By 1860 it had become the Sonora and Columbia Hebrew Benevolent Society, including members of the neighboring town of Columbia.

The site is bounded by Yaney Avenue, North Seco and Oak Streets. Entrance to the cemetery grounds may be obtained by visiting the Tuolumne County History Museum.